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It is a critical time for Californians to resolve their long term water needs. Our growing population will increase the urban and industrial demands for clean water. Yet these needs must be met without sacrificing California's great agricultural resource capacity.

We feel the long term solution should include the following points:

- *Water storage and NEW WATER STORAGE facilities, must be a component in future water supply needs in California.**
- *The water needs of California farmers, industry and urban residents must be resolved without devastating any one group to benefit another.**
- *Farmers need a reliable long-term water supply and to be assured the \$25 billion dollar industry will receive proper consideration in the decisions.**
- *CalFed must respect water rights.**
- *With the projected increase of the populace in the state, CalFed must act on a timely basis to accomplish new water storage.**
- *Demand reductions and increased supplies through conjunctive management are not sufficient without new surface storage and new facilities.**
- *The need for a long term solution for adequate water supply and management is an absolute must for the state's economy.**
- *Drought years will result in economic and environmental hardship when supplies do not equal demand for water.**

California's economy and way of life could never have happened without the dedication of our forefathers in meeting our water needs. We have been living off these efforts. It is now time for us to make the same commitment to meeting the water needs of our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Jim Rietkerk
Jim Rietkerk, President

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